

### **REMARKS**

Claims 1-53 are pending. The Office Action restricts the pending claims to two groups: Group I: claims 1-17, 23-41 and 47-53 and Group II: claims 18-22 and 42-46. Applicant hereby elects Group I without traverse and withdraws Group II (claims 18-22 and 42-46). Examination and allowance of claims 1-17, 23-41 and 47-53 is respectfully requested.

### **CONCLUSION**

In view of the above remarks, Applicants respectfully assert that the application is in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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